MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to know when the work was commenced?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Last year.

Revision of the Educational Policy.

151. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the nature of education imparted at present in the State is primarily responsible for the increasing seriousness of the problem of unemployment among the educated classes?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to appoint a committee to revise their educational system with a view to solve the problem?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are considering the whole question.

MR. S PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I read my question? My question is:

> "Are the Government *aware* that the nature of education imparted at present in the State is primarily responsible for the increasing seriousness of the problem of unemployment among the educated classes".

Government say that Government are considering the whole question. Am I to understand that the Government are considering the question of replying me whether they are aware of it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The whole question is under consideration.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): My question is whether Government are aware or not aware?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information given by the member is noted and it will also be considered when examining the general question.

Financial Secretary's Statements in regard to Trade Depression.

152. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry South*): With reference to the answer given to me by the Financial Secretary during the Budget session of 1100, *viz*,. "that there was depression of trade is a statement that the Member makes. I have no positive information as to that" (P. 213, No. 4, Vol. VII), will the Government be pleased to state whether the following statements "I do not deny the fact that there is still trade depression..... The trade boom which followed on the Armistice was succeeded by a period of acute trade depression and the collapse of several business concerns (P. 19, No. 1, Vol. III), "the disturbance to trade and production will also affect our receipts under all the other main heads of Revenue" (P. 49, No. 2, Vol. V), and "This was due to the dislocation of trade and business" (P. 25, No. 2, Vol. VII), made by the Financial Secretary in 1098, 1099 and 1100 respectively, before the Legislative Council, are given on "positive information" or not?

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